



Unified Student Loan Policy

COMMON MANUAL BULLETIN LANGUAGE IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

TO: *Common Manual* Governing Board Representatives
Interested Industry Groups and Others

FROM: Benjamin Lee
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RE: *Common Manual* Bulletin Language
[Batch 209: Proposal 1321]

DATE: February 27, 2017

On February 16, 2017, the *Common Manual* Governing Board approved policy changes to the *Common Manual* as proposed in policy proposal 1321 advanced to the Board from Batch 209. The changes made in this proposal will be incorporated into the *Common Manual's* annual update. This change will also be incorporated into the next version of the Integrated *Common Manual* that comes out after the 60-day hold that was imposed by the Trump Administration on January 20, 2017 has expired. The Integrated *Common Manual* is available on several guarantor websites and is also available on the *Common Manual* Website at www.commonmanual.org.

At the same time that the proposed *Common Manual* language was drafted, the Common Manual Policy Development and Maintenance Contractor (PDMC) drafted common bulletin language for each policy change. The common bulletin language has been edited and is enclosed for each guarantor to use in publishing interim policy updates to schools and lenders.

The Plan for Maintaining and Updating the *Common Manual* adopted by the *Common Manual* guarantors states that:

“Participating guarantors shall publish all interim updates in their bulletins promptly (within 30 to 45 days) and without revision. However, nothing in the plan shall be construed as prohibiting participating guarantors from also publishing guarantor-specific policies in their bulletins provided such policies do not conflict with the provisions for guarantor-specific policies described in the Cooperative Agreement for Guarantors Participating in the *Common Manual*. Neither shall participating guarantors be prohibited from publishing their own procedures or other information in their bulletins.”

Newsletter editors may delete the policy reference numbers and proposal titles from the publication, and may rearrange the order of the articles or combine articles that are related to the same subject.

Industry participants that publish this information should include a statement directing any questions regarding the policy changes to the primary guarantor serving that reader.

If you have any questions about the enclosed proposal or any aspect of the *Common Manual* process, please contact Benjamin Lee via phone at 608-246-1580 or via email at Policy@glhec.org.

Enclosures:

Common Bulletin Transmittal for Batch 209
Common Bulletin Language for Batch 209